

Bonny began her work at the Taylor County Courthouse in September of 1973 while she was still a senior at Bedford High School. For seven years, she worked in the Treasurer's office before moving to the County Auditor's office. In 1999, Bonny was appointed as county auditor. She has worked on everything from secretary duties to the board of supervisors, election-day preparation, passport services and tax statements. She stated in the Bedford Times-Press that "I loved working there and loved the rush of working with people all day long."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Iowans like Bonny in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for her outstanding service. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on her retirement and in wishing her nothing but the best in the next chapter of her life.

CONGRATULATING THE
HONORABLE KEN SALAZAR

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, trailblazer, pioneer, true Coloradoan. These are just a few phrases that describe the Honorable Ken Salazar. A native of San Luis Valley, Secretary Salazar has always been true to his Colorado roots and values. Working tirelessly for others and the environment, Secretary Salazar's legacy will abide for generations to come.

Secretary Salazar grew up on a rural ranch, learning to read and write by the light of oil lamps. No stranger to hard work, he pursued a varied education attending Colorado College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1977, and law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Later Salazar was awarded honorary degrees from Colorado College and the University of Denver.

1986 marked Secretary Salazar's first appointment in politics. Serving as Gov. Romer's Director of Natural Resources, Salazar worked towards petroleum and mining reforms to better protect the surrounding environment.

Secretary Salazar was elected as Colorado Attorney General in 1998 and handily won reelection in 2002. As Attorney General, he was awarded the prestigious Conference of Western Attorneys General Profile in Courage award for his work.

In 2004, Secretary Salazar ran for U.S. Senate and won. Salazar was a leading member of a bipartisan group of Senators that developed the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007, which would have provided a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and increased funding for border security.

Secretary Salazar's Senate record is reflective of his passion for justice and environmental protections. He fought to limit natural gas drilling in western Colorado alongside Sen. UDALL and his brother, Congressman Jon Salazar. Secretary Salazar worked in the Senate to give benefits to Rocky Flats workers.

In 2009, President Obama appointed Salazar as Secretary of the Interior. As one of two Hispanics serving in the cabinet, Secretary

Salazar worked to ensure our national parks and monuments were inclusive to minority communities and America's tribal communities.

During his time as Secretary, Salazar successfully developed and implemented numerous renewable energy initiatives on public lands and helped lead the Obama Administration's "all of the above" energy strategy.

I am honored to know Secretary Salazar as a colleague, but even more as a friend. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to congratulate Secretary Salazar on his induction in the Latino Hall of Fame.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNNETTE YOSSEI

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lynnette Yossi of Dallas Center, Iowa for being named the 2016 Grimes Educator of the Year at the Grimes Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local teacher who has exemplified what excellence in teaching looks like. Lynnette is the Physical Education teacher at South Prairie Elementary School in the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District. Lynnette has found that creating games around books helps the children learn while also staying engaged in physical activity. Each school day Lynnette stands at the main entrance to greet children and their families as they are dropped off, providing a smiling face to open the door, help direct traffic, and ensure everyone arrives and departs the school safely.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent dedicated teachers like Lynnette in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Lynette for this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
BAHÁ'U'LLAH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bahá'í community as they celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of their founder, Bahá'u'lláh.

I am proud that Wilmette, Illinois, in my district, is home to the Bahá'í House of Worship for North America. This magnificent temple stands as a beautiful testament to the power and strength of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings.

Two centuries after the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, millions around the world remain committed to his teachings of peace and the oneness of humanity. In almost every country in the world, members of the Bahá'í faith congregate to celebrate the values of unity and equality which are central to their religion. These values are

more important than ever today, a time when we all need to come together to oppose those who promote intolerance, division, and bigotry.

Although the Bahá'í faith teaches and practices peace, many of its members face persecution and violence around the world. As I congratulate the members of the Bahá'í community in my district and around the world while they celebrate this important anniversary, I also reaffirm my commitment to standing with them against threats to freedom of religion.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH WILLIAMSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Keith Williamson of Bondurant, Iowa for being named the 2016 Bondurant Citizen of the Year at the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Citizen of the Year award recognizes an outstanding member of the community who has worked to make it a better place to live. Keith has been a local small business owner for almost twenty years, helping citizens to keep their automobiles on the road. Outside of work, Keith has been an ardent supporter of youth softball in Bondurant, and has gone above and beyond to help other citizens when hard times strike.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent Iowans like Keith in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Keith and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO LOU MERVIS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Lou Mervis, a business, education, and philanthropic leader, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 83.

Lou came from a humble background and turned his father's local scrap business into one of the largest family-owned scrap processing companies in the country, with locations in multiple states. However, Lou's legacy in Illinois goes beyond his business success.

Education was one of Lou's passions. He was elected to the Danville school board at age 29, and served two terms on the board, including as president. He also served on the Illinois State Board of Election for 17 years, including seven years as chairman.

Lou and his wife, Sybil, provided scholarships and support to programs at several colleges and universities, including the University of Illinois, Indiana University, and Danville Area Community College. His family has funded 92 scholarships to DACC students, and four scholarships at Indiana University.